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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 22 and ending at page 6, line 4.

One possible seal is disclosed in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/110,021, Attorney Docket No. DP-301:00/DP-301244B (DEP 0133F) that is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. This one-piece, multi-functional seal 40 provides dampening, structural integrity, and protects the sensing element 80 by preventing the intrusion of water or other contaminants from entering the sensor 10. The seal 40 can be designed to fit into the upper portion 22 of the upper shield 20 for a secure fit. The seal's optional flange provides additional sealing between the seal 40 and the upper shield 20. Once the upper shield 20 is under the flange, the seal 40 can be crimped in place by crimping operations known in the art, which distort or form the seal 40 to the shape of the upper shield 20, creating a seal 40 that closes off contaminants from entering the sensor. Additionally, during use, namely exposure to high temperatures, the flange of the seal 40 shrinks into the upper shield 20, thus providing added protection for the sensor 10 against exposure to contaminants.